

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 3, 2005, claims 41, 42 and 45-62 were pending. Claims 41, 42, 45-54, 56-59, 61 and 62 were rejected under. Claims 55 and 60 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms.

In this response, claims 48, 55, and 60 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 41, 45, 57-59, and 61 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Specifically, independent claims 41 and 61 have been amended to include substantially all limitations of the objected to claim 55. Independent claim 45 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of the objected to claim 60. Thus, independent claims 41, 45, and 61 are allowable. Claims 57-59 have been amended for proper dependency. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims which were objected to.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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